

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on June 29, 2001, the period for response to which is extended to October 29, 2001, by a petition for extension of time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please delete the paragraph on page 2, lines 1-9, and replace it with the following paragraph: